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Latoya D. Abbott is the Senior Director of Global **Photos** Occupational Health Services for Marriott #Event201 International. She has over 20 years of experience as a nurse practitioner, educator, and senior leader. She has worked in a multitude of settings both as a nurse practitioner and as an administrator, including occupational health clinics, long-term care facilities, and critical care units. She has taught as an Associate Professor of Nursing for graduate-level students at Howard University, where she was nominated for the Professor of the Year award, and she has precepted nurse practitioner students from Marymount University and South University. Most recently, Dr. Abbott served as an advisor to students pursuing their doctorates of nursing

practice at Capella University.

Prior to joining Marriott International, Dr. Abbott was the Director of the Occupational Health and Wellness Institute at Providence Hospital in Washington, DC, where she managed an occupational health clinic while treating patients, promoting wellness, and overseeing workers' compensation cases. In this role, Dr. Abbott created and implemented a streamlined process to vaccinate hospital employees against the flu. Her innovative flu clinic led to a threefold increase in influenza vaccination rates among hospital workers.

In her current role, Dr. Abbott manages nurse case managers, utilization review nurse managers, and on-property nurses around the country, working closely with the claims team to advise on

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workers' compensation issues. Dr. Abbott assists with business case analysis and establishing or recredentialing on-site hotel clinics around the world. She advises hotel properties on the handling of infectious disease outbreaks and has recently created and implemented standard operating procedures to streamline communications surrounding legionella outbreaks and to expedite remediation. In addition to these responsibilities, Dr. Abbott serves as the occupational health representative on the crisis team, advising on crises including natural disasters, infectious disease outbreaks, and violence or terrorist activity.

Dr. Abbott holds a BS degree in nursing and a BA in psychology from Winston-Salem State University, a masters of science in nursing and adult nurse practitioner certification from the University of North Carolina, and a doctorate in nursing practice from the Catholic University of America, where she was awarded the Dean's Award of Excellence.

